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     IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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          IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
  2 THE STATE OF FLORIDA
                          VOLUME 7
  3 ex rel.
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  4 VEN-A-CARE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS, INC.,
    a Florida Corporation, by and through
  5 its principal officers and directors,
   ZACHARY T. BENTLEY and T. MARK JONES,
        Plaintiffs,
                    CIVIL ACTION NO.98-3032A
  7 vs.
    BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION;
  8 DEY, INC.; DEY, L.P.; EMD PHARMACEUTICALS
    INC.; LIPHA, S.A.; MERCK, KGaA; MERCK-LIPHA,
  9 S.A.; SCHERING CORPORATION; SCHERING-PLOUGH
    CORPORATION; ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC.;
 10 and WARRICK PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION,
       Defendants.
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 12 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF: JERRY WELLS
 13 TAKEN AT THE INSTANCE OF: The Defendants
 14 DATE:
                      August 15, 2006
 15 TIME:
                     Commenced at 9:00 a.m.
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                  Concluded at 1:14 p.m.
 17 LOCATION:
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- 1 would just insist on an increase in the
- 2 ingredient cost to offset that, that we
- 3 wouldn't be going anywhere.
- 4 BY MS. WITT:
- 5 Q. And why did you think that was not
- 6 desirable?
- 7 A. Because I did not make that -- maybe I
- 8 didn't make myself clear enough.
- 9 If we are paying pharmacies less than
- 10 the cost of dispensing a prescription as a
- 11 dispensing fee, then they have to have some margin
- 12 or markup on the ingredient cost of the drug to
- 13 offset that. And we've tried to balance that over
- 14 the years because we've known for a number of years
- 15 that our dispensing fee is below the cost of
- 16 dispensing a prescription. All states recognize
- 17 that.
- 18 If we moved to lower the dispensing fee
- 19 to \$3, or to \$3.23, we're going to have to offset
- 20 that with an increase in the ingredient cost to the
- 21 pharmacies and that argument is going to be played
- 22 out in the Senate, and I felt like that we wouldn't
- 23 wind up saving any money. I didn't feel like that
- 24 was a viable option, and that was my counsel.
- 25 Q. Do you remember who was proposing a